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Hello from Oslo Norway. This the 2nd to last day to our time in Norway. This has been a very grounding experience. My parents have a book of my dad's family history. We came to Norway to see it. While at the grave of my great grandfather, Tormond Holte, I was set back. The history was right in front of me not on paper or by word. I am standing on the soil of my ancestors. Next we met living relations that were living close by. We could see the grave yard from their house. This was a mind blower.

This leads me to my topic our heritage as Americans and waterfowl hunters. It is a rich and long heritage. Conservation being a large part of it. Market hunting, a lack of game laws and mother nature had the resource diminished to a delicate level. Hunters stepped up to the plate and did what needed to be done to preserve the resource. **We must continue these acts.** Take pride in our history and give back to the resource that has given so much to us.

Spread the word about the **WWA** every chance you get. We do a lot of good yet we do not get much notoriety.

Get involved. Take someone to a chapter meeting. Sign-up a new member. Take young person hunting, share the experience.

Take a stand for the resource. Take pride in our heritage.

FOR THE RESOURCE AND OUR RIGHTS,

Thank you!

Rick Holt, President WWA

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Take pride in
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Mission Statement
To Preserve, Protect and Promote Water fowl , Water fowl
Habitat, & Water fowl Hunting in Washington state

News for the Flock

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sept 21 Refuge Applications Due. **More info on page 12.**
- Sept 22 Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Upland Bird Hunt. **More info on page 11.**
- Sept 22 Ridgefield NWR Blind Opening at 8am. Come help! **More info on page 12.**
- Sept 22 & 23 Nora Ross Trap Shooting Clinic. Nora Ross, 34-Time ATA All American and a member of the ATA Trap Shooting Hall of Fame, will be returning to the Old Skagit Gun Club for a two-day trap shooting clinic. **Learn more [here](#).**
- Sept 22-23 Western WA Youth Waterfowl Hunts hosted by NW Chapter. **More info on page 6.**
- Sept 23 14th Annual Seattle Chapter Youth Mentor Shoot at the Kenmore Shotgun Range. **More info on page 5.**
- Sept 26 Southwest Chapter Monthly Meeting at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.
- Sept 25 Seattle Chapter Monthly Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range. This meeting is our Annual Swap Meet, so bring your used hunting gear to trade, sell, or donate.
- Sept 26 Seattle Chapter Monthly Meeting and Gear Swap Night. **More info on page 4.**
- Sept 29 Lower Columbia Chapter Annual Banquet. Mark your calendar and donate your items. **More info on page 13.**

- Oct 1 Riverboat Youth Waterfowl Hunt Applications due. **More info on page 15.**
- Oct 2 Whatcom County Chapter October Meeting at the Ferndale Library.
- Oct 4 Grays Harbor October Chapter Meeting at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock at 7pm.
- Oct 4 Drawing for the Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle.
- Oct 6 Farmed Island Tour with the NW Chapter. Meet at the Skagit Wildlife Area HQ Boat Launch at 10am. **More info on page 7.**
- Oct 6 Blind brushing work party at public blinds throughout Whatcom County. **More info on page 15.**
- Oct 9 NW Chapter Meeting at 7pm at the Conway Fire Station. **More info on page 7.**
- Oct 13 Heritage Fishing Day. **More info on page 16.**
- Oct 20 Seattle Chapter Ben Welton Memorial Youth Hunt at the Willapa NWR. More in the October Newsletter

**Be an Active Member and
Attend one of these GREAT
Events!**



News for the Flock

NEWS RELEASE: WDFW Commission revises proposed license fee increase up to 15%

Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/>

Aug. 28, 2018

Contact: Commission office, 360-902-2267

OLYMPIA – The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is proposing a 15-percent boost in recreational hunting and fishing license fees for 2019, with caps on the increase for people who buy multiple licenses in "bundled" packages.

The Commission, a citizen board appointed by the governor to set policy for the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**, will include the recommendation with other proposals designed to eliminate a \$31 million gap between projected revenue and expenses during the two-year state budget cycle that begins next July.

The commissioners voted on Monday (Aug. 27) to replace an earlier 5-percent proposed increase with the 15-percent proposal. To cushion the impact on people who buy multiple hunting and fishing licenses, the commission would limit the maximum increase for bundled packages to \$7 for fishing and \$15 for hunting. For example, **WDFW** sells multiple fishing licenses in the "Fish Washington" package and plans to create additional value packages to hold down license costs for avid recreationists.

The commission's action came after 15 conservationists and outdoor recreation advocates who serve on a **WDFW** budget and policy advisory group expressed concern that the 5-percent increase approved by commissioners on Aug. 10 would not have contributed enough revenue to close the funding shortfall.

The revenue generated by a 5-percent boost "is far less than just the effect of inflation since the last (2011) fee increase and we fear will be frowned upon by legislators and force the department into cuts that will harm our interests and the state's natural resources," they wrote.

"The commission never likes to propose fee increases, but **WDFW** needs better funding to meet public expectations and ongoing legal requirements," Chairman Brad Smith said after Monday's decision. "Knowing we have the support of key recreation and conservation leaders enabled us to improve the balance of our funding request between general tax dollars and revenue from license sales."

With Monday's revision, the commission directed **WDFW** to propose to Governor Inslee that the state close the \$31 million funding gap and make another \$28 million of spending increases with a mix of roughly 75 percent in general funds and 25 percent in increased license revenue. Earlier in August, the commission also approved making the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement permanent, which would otherwise expire June 30, 2019.

The commission approved the license-fee revision on a voice vote, with only Commissioner Don McIsaac expressing opposition.

Additional information about **WDFW's** budget and policy development for the 2019 legislative session is available at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/budget/development/>. The site will be updated as the department completes its budget and fee proposals, which are due to the governor in mid-September



News for the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

Another Successful BJ Brown Memorial Shoot:

Many thanks to the many **Seattle Chapter** members who showed up to participate in the **12th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** on Sunday, August 26th at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, to show support for **Mike and Jenny Lutz**. They have used the event to honor the memory of their son, **BJ**, who died in a tragic automobile crash in August of 2006. Through this event they have donated in his name over \$15,000 to **WWA** over the years!

Whenever one does a listing of names, inevitably someone gets inadvertently left out, and I apologize ahead of time. Many thanks to **Terry Breidenbach, David Hanson** and his son **Ben Fisher, John Hanson, Paul McGovern** and his sons, **Dylan and Jacob, James Ono, James Painter, Robb Stack, and Cameron Way** for taking part of your Sunday to support those who support **WWA**!

14th Annual Youth Mentor on Sunday, September 23:

But wait, there is still more shooting on tap with the **Royce and Tricia Ring** taking the reigns from her parents, **Larry and Kathy Gordon**, to put on the Chapter's **14th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** on Sunday, September 23, 2018 **beginning at noon** and lasting until approximately 4 pm. Everything is provided including lunch. **See Flyer** on adjacent **Page 5**. In addition there will be some special raffle prizes for one lucky girl and one boy participant. **Royce and Tricia** are still needing some **WWA** volunteers to help out. Contact them at the phone number on the Flyer. To date the program has run upwards of 255 youth thru this program over the previous 13 years!

September 26th Meeting is Gear Swap Night — Bring your used equipment including dekes, calls, clothing, and other gear to swap, trade, or sell with a donation to the Chapter!



Ferd Nist Trophy Shoot has a New Champion!

Seattle Chapter member Jim Painter won it this year with a great overall score of **92 out of 100** targets! A perfect 25 on the 16 yard; a 24 on the slider; and a 43 on doubles. **Jim** used those same numbers to pick up all the major men's trophies [**See Insert**] in the **12th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** held August 26th. Two time **Ferd Nist** winner, **Seattle Chapter Sec-Treas, David Hanson**, has arranged for the engraving of **Jim's** name into the traveling **Ferd Nist Trophy** and will make the presentation to **Jim** at our September 26th meeting.



Jenny Lutz runs the 16 yard competition in the Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot that she and her husband **Mike (Post 3)** have run for 12 consecutive years in memory of their son. To date they have donated over \$15,000 to **WWA**!

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WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION & THE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON INC. PRESENTS:



**14th ANNUAL YOUTH MENTOR SHOTGUN SHOOT
Sunday, September 23, 2018 – KENMORE GUN RANGE**

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**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LEGAL GUARDIAN/PARENT/ADULT
CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON & PROGRAM RUNS TO 4:00 P.M.**

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY September 16TH (LIMITED TO 50 YOUTHS)

****REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, NO WALK ON'S, NO EXCEPTIONS****

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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***Are you a member of WWA? Yes _____ No _____**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Must attend "The Firearm Safety Training" at 12:30 p.m., to be ALLOWED to Shoot.

Youth Mentor Shotgun Shoot, Sunday, September 23, 2018

***Please note this program is for beginners only!**

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

September means Hunting Season is opening up all over the U.S. In the Pacific Northwest there's plenty of opportunities to get out in the field. If you missed early goose that's ok, there's still time to dust off your duck call, give your shotgun a checkup, grease the trailer bearings, make sure the boat still floats and revive your retriever. I hope all of your hunting adventures go well this season. Be safe and don't forget to mention the **WWA** to the individuals you meet in the field.

NW Chapter Youth Hunts:

The **WWA NW Chapter** is once again sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at various locations in north Puget Sound. This is an excellent opportunity to mentor youth under 16 years and a great way to introduce youth to the hunting experience and heritage. Mentors play a pivotal role in developing hunters. That first hunt can mark the beginning of a lifelong passion for the outdoors and a commitment to wildlife and waterfowl conservation. If you're new to waterfowl hunting we can set you up with experienced support at the blind. **All are welcome!**

Hunt Dates: Sept. 22nd and 23rd

Rick Skiba, our **NW Chapter Youth Hunt Coordinator**, has secured hunts at these locations:

- **The Nature Conservancy** in Port Susan. 2 – 3 Dike blinds. Afternoon hunts. Due to low morning tides we will hunt from 1 p.m. until sunset.
- **Edison Hunt Club**. 2 Pit Blinds adjacent to a fresh water pond. Morning and afternoon hunts. 1/2 hour before sunrise until noon and from 1 p.m. till sunset.
- **Swinomish Gun Club**. 9 blinds. Afternoon hunts. Due to low morning tides we will hunt from 1 p.m. until sunset.

Reservations are required. First come-first served. Please contact **Rick Skiba** reskiba@msn.com (360) 387-2225 or **Rick Billieu**, rgbillieu@frontier.com (360) 653-8571.

Leque Island Blind Build:

Members of the **NW Chapter** recently constructed two (2) hunt blinds at **Leque Island**. These are semi-permanent blinds built adjacent to one of the new canals the state built last year. The blinds will provide a hide for area youth (youth hunt Sept 22 & 23) and others until the dikes are breached in the near future. Material (*all reclaimed*) donated by **WDFW** out of **Fir Island Headquarters** less the **Military Camo** donated by **WWA** member **Tom Elliot**.

Thanks to members **Rick Skiba, Reb Broker, Ian Broker, Tarquin Broker, Tom Elliot, Mason Groesbeck and Steve Billieu**.



NW Chapter Members constructing 2 hunt blinds at Leque Island.



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August Chapter Meeting:

Our guest speaker at the August chapter meeting was **Matt Klope**, WWA member and owner of **Whidbey Taxidermy**. **Matt** offers a variety of taxidermy services and specializes in waterfowl. **Matt's** presentation focused on the preparation and storage of waterfowl prior to delivering a bird to a taxidermist for mounting. Check his services out at: WhidbeyIslandTaxidermy.com

September Chapter Meeting:

Our guest speakers for September are **Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** and **Belinda Rotton, Manager for**

October Chapter Meeting:

Cole Caldwell, Region 4 Manager from **WDFW** will provide information on the Department's "**Private Lands Hunting**" opportunities, "**Feel Free to Hunt**", "**Register to Hunt**" and "**Hunt by Written Permission**" programs. Come join us on October 9.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 p.m. See you there and bring a friend!

Support your passion – get involved



Farmed Island Tour Saturday Oct, 6th

Bring the family!!



Skagit Wildlife Area HQ – Boat

Launch

10:00 am start

- Open to everyone
- Cruise the south fork of the Skagit
- We'll explore the island and check out some of the Blinds
- WDFW personnel on-site to provide info on this years plant



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Grays Harbor Chapter News:

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi everyone. Can you believe the hunting season is HERE??!! I have been too busy to plan any early season goose hunts, but maybe I can make up for it in the late goose. I keep saying next year I will plan some early goose, but it creeps up on me so quickly. Anyone else have that problem? Just as I thought, I'm the only one....

Thoughts on the Future:

As we near our October Chapter meeting, our last for the year, I have been speculating on how we can reach out to any prospective new members; how we can attract more kids to our **FREE** youth shooting event; how to improve at what we do. There are no easy answers especially for a Chapter Chairman that isn't the brightest star in the sky.

But I think we all seem to have the same questions, who is going to take over the **WWA** and how will all the "new society" population feel about hunting and waterfowl Conservation? Will it ever be as popular as it was in the "early days" of the past? I just hate to try and look into the future, because what I see I don't really like. So once again I hope I am wrong.

We as a conservation organization can only do so much. We are at full odds with the anti-everything crowd that seems to get all the national attention. So what will all these new society ones do when there are no or few ducks and geese? What will they do when there (still) are no great salmon runs? Who will they listen to when all conservation comes to a complete screeching halt? Will we even be *ALLOWED* to own shotguns???

There is a measure going to vote this year. It was petitioned thru the citizen's Initiative process and will be on the **ballot — I-1639**. Jeez, I almost cannot believe such a far reaching measure will be going to vote in WA state or anywhere. If it's voted into law there will be hundreds of thousands, even millions of dollars spent to fight it because the petitions soliciting signatures were printed in violation of the standing rules for petitions. Conservation dollars will be wasted fighting it. It is beyond this one's thinking that so much effort has gone into rulings going against our federal Constitution!!!

October Meeting and Cedarville Drawing:

Our Chapter's next meeting will be on the 4th of October 7 p.m. sharp at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock. We will be drawing the two (2) winners of the **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle**. I wish all those that purchased tickets good luck. I wish I could get all of you a hunt of some sort for your support!

Thanks to a Bunch of You!

I have a boat load of people to thank for all your support with volunteering and donating funds for our Chapter and the **WWA**. You all know who you are so please consider your back as patted! I will formulate a list of as many of you that I can remember and print it in next months newsletter unless you contact me and tell me not to include you in the honorable mention.

Colton Smith Memorial Free Youth Shoot:

Thanks to everyone that came to our youth shoot in August We had a great time! Be sure to check out the pictures on the next page.

Have a safe and fun hunting season!



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Photos from the Colton Smith Memorial Free Youth Shoot held in August by the Grays Harbor Chapter of WWA.



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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Youth Shoot Recap:

On August 25th in conjunction with the Quincy Gun Club, Friends of the NRA, & Moses Lake WWA we held a FREE youth trap shoot that was attended by around 20 youths and their parents, grandparents, and older siblings. The shoot was a huge success, and the fact we can have an Olympic trap shooter present to provide quality instruction make for a great event.

There were kids that were only breaking 1 or 2 birds out of 25, that by the end of the day were breaking up to 12 in a row before a miss! Plans are already underway for next year's shoots in April & August.

Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Upland Bird Hunt:

The Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever (CBPF) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) have partnered in an effort to provide youth hunters an opportunity to hunt pheasants in some of the best habitat available in Grant County on Saturday, September 22nd. The WDFW Hunter Education instructors will be on site and will help with instruction and offer "loaner" shotguns.

Look for more information on the flyer on page 11 or go to their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF>

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

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Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Upland Bird Hunt Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Gloyd Seeps (Road 10), Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

The Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever (CBPF) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) have partnered in an effort to provide youth hunters an opportunity to hunt pheasants in some of the best habitat available in Grant County. The event will be held at the Farm Unit access road just north of Road 10 ([HERE](#)).

WDFW Hunter Education instructors will be on site and will help with shooting instruction, will offer "loaner" shotguns, and volunteers will be providing hunting dogs to assist youth hunters. If you have a dog, feel free to bring them!

Pheasants Forever will be providing a free lunch (hamburgers and hotdogs) for all hunters and parents and will also give away a shotgun to one youth hunting participant, no purchases will be required. For more information, check the [Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever - Facebook Page](#)

(<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF>) or call the WDFW Ephrata Regional Office at (509)

754-4624. If you would like to become a Pheasants Forever member, we can sign you up at the event!



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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Trap Shooting Contest:

The results are in for our first chapter trap shoot. **Doug Lee** won the event followed by **Dan Haffenbrack** and **Carl Degner** was 3rd. Congratulations guys!

15th Annual Chapter Fundraising Banquet:

Tickets are available! Saturday September 29th! We can still use your help gathering the gift certificates/cards and donations for this annual fundraising event. Great food, lots of merchandise, hunts and fishing trips all rolled into a fun family friendly event! This is your banquet, please engage and participate! Contact **Doug Hargin (360) 903-6951** for donations or tickets.

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Blind Tour:

On **Saturday September 15th Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager** conducted a tour of the blinds and hunt area. A report on this will be contained in the **WWA October Newsletter**.

Ridgefield NWR Blind Opening Event:

Meet us on **September 22nd at the hunt station at 8:00 am sharp** to open up the pit blinds and brush up the box blinds on the **River S hunt unit** at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. Bring gloves, waders and boots, bucket, loppers, scoop, machete, zip ties. Tools to help hide the blinds that need it in order to get them ready for the October opener. As always a lunch will be provided!

New Blinds Delivered to RNWR:

Three (3) new **Black Box Blinds** three-man carbon composite pit blinds with dog box were delivered to the refuge recently. These are the same blinds currently in place at #4, #12 and #18 in the hunt area. They will not be placed this year due to the close proximity of time to the season opener.

Refuge Applications Due by September 21st:

Applications and payment must be **received (not post marked)** by **3:30 pm on the 21st of this month**. Go to this link for all the details: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/waterfowl_hunting.html



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Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

Blind Brush Work Party:

The **Whatcom County Chapter** will be holding a blind brushing work party on Saturday, October 6th. We hope to get as many public blinds around the county cleaned and prepared for the season as possible. Email **Matt** at: mdberry12@gmail.com to RSVP so we know how much lunch to prepare. We will meet that morning at **Lake Terrell** at 8 a.m.

Southwest Chapter News

No News This Month

Nora Ross Trap Shooting Clinic:

Nora Ross, 34-Time American Trap Association (ATA) All American and a member of the ATA Trap Shooting Hall of Fame, will be returning to the **Old Skagit Gun Club** for a two-day trap shooting clinic on September 22-23

Learn more at: <https://www.oldsdagit.com/nora-ross-two-day-clinic.html>

Riverboat Youth Waterfowl Hunt in Oregon

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in **Washington County, Oregon**, offers youth hunters ages 17 and under with an opportunity to hunt ducks, geese, and coots during youth hunt days only. Youth waterfowl hunting at the **Riverboat Unit** provides safe and quality opportunities to harvest game while introducing young people to the hunting heritage, education opportunities, and mentorships.

The waterfowl hunt program is operated in a manner that is consistent and compatible with the purposes and goals of the refuge. **Applications are due on October 1.**

Go to: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tualatin_river/riverboat_youth_hunt.html for more details and the application.



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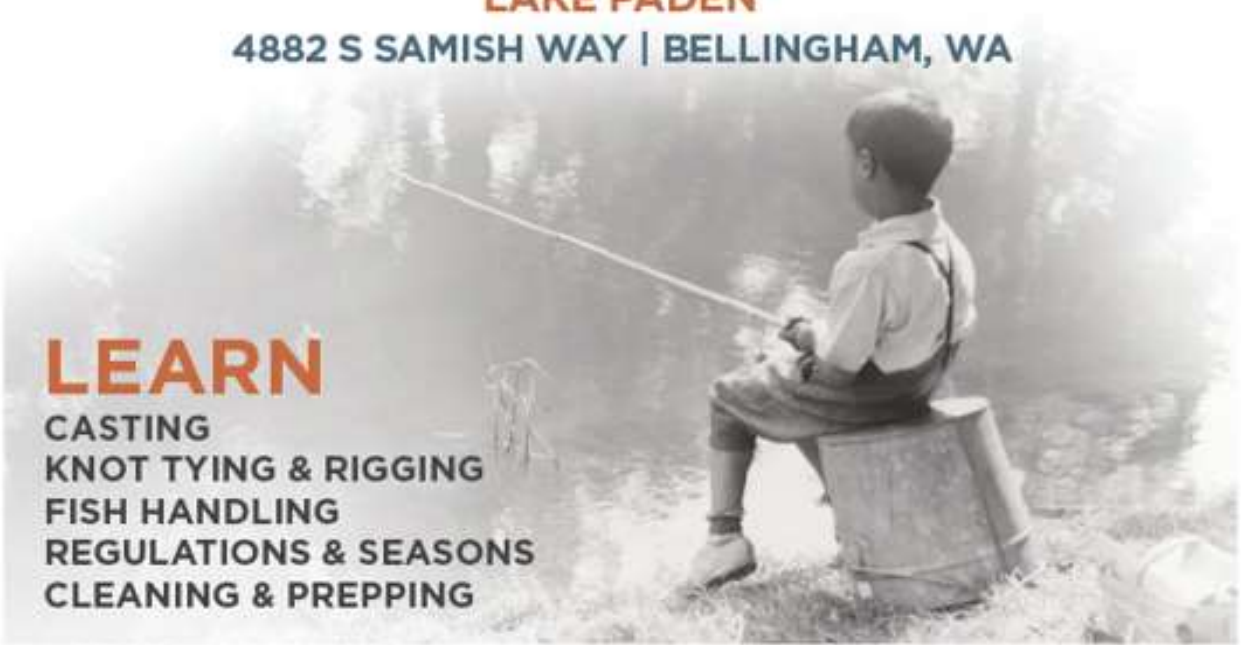


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Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- For sale items only, not for business ads. (Businesses are welcome to purchase business ads from us.)
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By: Ellen Satre

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WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565
WWA Legal Fund — \$18,172
WWA Habitat Fund — \$935
WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957
WWA General Fund — \$154

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At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website[www.waduck.org].

However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Vacant
- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Ferndale Public Library**.
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- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- *We spend all of our resources within Washington State*

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck "blinds" on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.